Health Care Reform

1. What is the most important issue of this health care debate?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Reducing health care costs		21.7%	383
Increasing the quality of health care for Americans		9.3%	164
Eliminating waste, fraud and abuse		25.5%	449
Ensuring patients with pre-exhisting conditions have affordable care		9.6%	170
Providing tax credits for individuals so they can choose their insurance		4.3%	76
Keeping the federal deficit low		13.4%	237
Government or public sponsored health care plan to compete with private insurance		10.0%	177
Reducing the practice of defensive medicine		6.1%	108
	answered question		1,764
	skippe	ed question	69

2. Generally speaking, do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose the health care reform plan proposed by President Obama and the congressional Democrats?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly favor		13.0%	238
Somewhat favor		4.2%	77
Somewhat oppose		2.1%	39
Strongly oppose		79.9%	1,463
Not sure		0.7%	13
answered question		1,830	
skipped question		3	

3. Do you think Congress should scrap its current plan and start over using a step-by-step approach?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		82.8%	1,504
No		17.1%	310
	answered question		1,816
	skipp	ed question	17

4. Do you think the quality of health care for you and your family would be better or worse under the health care reforms currently being considered?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Better		13.3%	242
Worse		78.4%	1,431
No difference		5.5%	100
Don't know		2.8%	52
	answered question		1,825
	skipp	ed question	8

5. Do you think the government should require all Americans to have health insurance or pay a penalty?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		15.5%	280
No		84.5%	1,526
		answered question	1,806
		skipped question	27

6. What do you find most concerning about the current health care bill being considered by Congress?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
It could cut funding to Medicare, the government health care program for seniors		10.8%	182
It is too big and tries to change too many things all at once		22.1%	372
It does not include meaningful tort reform		10.4%	174
It could increase the federal deficit		8.3%	139
It could expand the role of government in providing health care		48.4%	813
	answere	ed question	1,680
	skippe	ed question	153

7. House leadership has the option to introduce a procedural rule that would "deem" the Senate health care reform bill as being passed by the House, sending it to the President to become law. Do you think this process is fair or unfair?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Fair		14.6%	266
Unfair		81.1%	1,482
Don't know		4.3%	79
	answe	red question	1,827
	skip	ped question	6

8. There are a number of criticisms people have mentioned about what is happening in Washington. Please tell me if you agree or disagree with each one.

	Agree	Disagree	Don't know	Response Count
There is too much partisan fighting between Democrats and Republicans and very little cooperation.	80.6% (1,444)	16.8% (301)	2.6% (46)	1,791
Special interests have too much influence over legislation.	92.9% (1,677)	4.2% (75)	2.9% (53)	1,805
The Democratic majorities in Congress are trying to push through legislation without bipartisan compromise.	82.1% (1,485)	15.9% (288)	2.0% (36)	1,809
The Republicans in Congress are trying to block any Democratic legislation without bi-partisan compromise.	39.8% (710)	53.1% (949)	7.1% (127)	1,786
The federal government has gone too far and tried to do too much	82.0% (1,480)	16.2% (293)	1.7% (31)	1,804
			answered question	1,830
			skipped question	3

9. What do you think is the most important problem facing our country today?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Unemployment/lack of jobs		34.0%	619
Health care/costs/accessibility		7.2%	131
Deficit/National debt/Balanced budget/Govt spending		42.5%	773
War/Terrorism		3.4%	62
Financial crisis		6.5%	119
Education		1.8%	33
Immigration		1.5%	28
Taxes		1.9%	34
Crime		0.3%	5
Environment		0.9%	16
	answered question		1,820
skipped question		13	